

## **COLUMBIA ISLAND MARINA- Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q. Why do I have to pay a ramp fee of \$5.00?**

A. A charge of \$5.00 is issued to help pay for maintenance and upkeep of the ramp. This ensures that our customers receive the safety and security they have come to expect.

### **Q. How do I register my boat in DC?**

A. The District of Columbia Boat Titling Act requires any registered vessel that is principally used on District waters to obtain a Certificate of Title issued by the Harbor Master, prior to issuance or renewal of a registration number. To obtain a title, you must show proof of ownership and pay an initial \$2 title fee and titling tax. All boats must be registered before the registration expires on December 31 each year. The Certificate of Number issued stays with the boat as long as it is registered in DC. The certificate itself is pocket-sized and must be on the boat and available for inspection by law enforcement personnel whenever the boat is in operation. In addition, validation stickers are issued each year that must be placed within six inches of the number. Larger boats (generally 32 feet or longer) can be documented. All of this can be done at Harbor Master, Metropolitan Police Department, 550 Water Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024. 202-727-4582

### **Q. I lost my boat safety certificate how do I get another one?**

A. You can contact Harbor Police 202-727-4582 or US Coast Guard Auxiliary 703-428-2631.

### **Q. What is the depth of water at Columbia Island Marina (CIM)?**

A. Eight feet is the mean water depth, and the tide can vary from three to six feet.

### **Q. What power is available?**

A. We provide 50 and 30 amp service combo outlets on pedestals. Utilities are provided at a flat rate with slip fees.

### **Q. Do your seasonal slips have power?**

A. There are 115 volt/15 amp outlets every 5 slips available for short term use by Slip holders.

### **Q. What are the costs for slip rental?**

A. We have seasonal and annual slips; please see marina office for rates.

### **Q. What form of payment does Columbia Island Marina accept?**

A. Payment can be made by check, cash, money order or VISA/MasterCard.

### **Q. Is there parking?**

A. Parking is open to the public; passes are needed for overnight parking.

### **Q. Where can I park my trailer?**

A. Trailers can be parked at the north end of the parking lot. If left over 48 hours it will be towed by the Park Police.

### **Q. What do I do if I get a traffic citation on my trailer?**

A. If you are issued a traffic citation and are a Slipholder at CIM, contact the Park Police non-emergency number 202-619-7105. Have the officer's badge number and name ready (which can be found on the citation) when you call. Remember 48 hours is the longest you can leave your trailer in the parking lot.

### **Q. Can I do maintenance on my boat at my slip?**

A. We limit on-site boat maintenance to basic cleaning. No sanding, painting, etc.

### **Q. Are there sewage pump out facilities?**

A. CIM has a pump out system and a port a potty dump station, located on the gas dock.

### **Q. Can I live aboard?**

A. CIM FORBIDS live-a-board services. Please refer to section 20 in your contract.

### **Q. Are there mechanics on the facility?**

A. We do not employ mechanics at CIM. A list of local contractors appears on the Bulletin Board.

### **Q. Can I rent out my slip?**

A. CIM does not permit Slip holders to rent their slips to other persons. This is a violation of the boat storage license.

### **Q. What is the height of the bridge near CIM?**

A. The railroad bridge going north of the marina is the first bridge you see after the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. The railroad bridge is the lowest bridge heading north at 18ft high tide. The stone bridge at the entrance of the marina is 18ft also.

**Q. Can I fish off the docks?**

A. Fishing off the docks is not permitted, but one can fish from your vessel.

**Q. How do I obtain a District Fishing License?**

A. You may obtain a District Fishing license by visiting a list of vendors (ask Marina Staff), purchase at Harbor Police or apply on line at [www.dchealth.com/dcfishandwildlife/getlicen.htm](http://www.dchealth.com/dcfishandwildlife/getlicen.htm)

**Q. What are the Marina Hours?**

A. Our hours change during daylight savings time. Please see Marina Staff for hours.

**Q. Can I repair or power washes my boat on the ramp?**

A. Boat repairs and power washing are not permitted on the ramp.

**Q. Is the tent on marina grounds available to rent for special functions?**

A. Yes, the tent is available for rental. Please contact the Columbia Island Marina Restaurant Manager.

**Q. What is the parking availability on the Fourth of July?**

A. The National Park Service allows the public to park in the morning then closes the parking lot down to slip holders only. You must have your parking pass to get in.

**Q. Can I add anything on my slip, cleat, stickers on the dock box, etc.**

A. We do not permit any alterations to the slips; we want to keep a neat and clean appearance of our docks.

**Q. What is the number to call for a fire or medical emergency?**

A. Arlington fire & Rescue - 703-558-2222  
US Park Police – 202-619-7105  
DC Harbor Patrol – 202-727-4582  
911